



**May 2013**

**Dear Westford Residents,**

The Board of Selectmen presented Certificates of Commendation to the members of our Westford Police Department for assisting with the capture of the Boston Marathon bombing suspect. The officers who were actively participating include Police Chief Tom McEnaney, Detective Dennis Rogers, Detective Justin Agraz, Detective Lieutenant David Connell, Sergeant Steven Keins, K-9 Officer Corey Peladeau, and our Police K-9 Beny. I am deeply grateful to these officers for their superb efforts in capturing the suspects. The board also recognized Paramedic Dave Lefebvre of our Westford Fire Department for his assistance during and following the event, along with Lieutenant Donald Parsons, David Avery and William Cashman, members of the Westford Firefighters Pipes & Drums, for participating in the MIT Memorial Services. Thanks also to Terry Stader, our Veterans Agent, for managing amateur radio communications at MEMA headquarters and Diana Walker-Moyer, NP, one of our Upper Merrimack Valley Reserve Corps members, who was assisting as a volunteer team leader at the marathon finish line during the tragedy.

Congratulations to Mickey Crocker for being named an Unsung Heroine of 2013 by the Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women. The Board of Selectmen recognized her achievements at the May 14th Selectmen's meeting.

The Economic Development Committee has been working on preparing an application to join the 495 Regional Technology Center Economic Target Area, which currently includes the towns of Boxborough and Littleton. This application will be submitted to the state Economic Assistance Coordinating Council in June. If we receive this designation, businesses choosing to relocate or expand in our town may be eligible for state and local tax incentives. Also, being an ETA allows the application of Brownfield's grants which would help offset costs related to the cleanup at 12 North Main Street, the former Westford Anodizing property.

In keeping with the Selectmen's goal of increasing pedestrian safety, the board recently approved the purchase of a radar sign, which has been affixed to a speed limit sign on Boston Road.

You may see people filming in our town in June as a filmmaker adapted resident David Brody's novel, Cabal of the Westford Knight, into a screenplay. I am told the filming will occur at several sites, including the J.V. Fletcher Library, the Museum, Connolly Insurance, Mario's Restaurant, East Boston Camps, the Parish Center for the Arts, the Town Common, and at the actual Westford Knight carving.

The Board of Selectmen voted to approve a new waste disposal agreement with Covanta Inc. for five years commencing on July 1, 2013 that will replace the current agreement set to expire on July 1, 2014.

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Retreat at Kimball Farm  
June 20 5:30-8:30 PM

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Award Winner



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*CAT*  
[www.westfordcat.org](http://www.westfordcat.org)

Westford joined with six other communities to negotiate a reduced tipping fee for the two remaining contract years while extending the agreement for three additional years. Considering annual tonnage of approximately 8,100 tons per year, this new contract will save an estimated \$96,000 over the initial two year period.

Our 3rd annual Strategic Planning Event is in the development stage and will be held on June 20th, from 5:30 - 8:30 PM, at Kimball Farm. Topics to be discussed include: Economic Development, Education, Town Finances/Capital Planning, Emergency Planning/Response, Public Safety, and Town Building Safety. More information will be available on our website at: [Strategic Planning Retreat](#).

You may have noticed Verizon trucks in certain neighborhoods recently. They are completing their underground cabling of the town in many subdivisions. Although they informed me that they will be notifying all residents of any potential disturbances, please call them at 800-320-8862, if you have questions or concerns. This work is scheduled to be completed by the fall.

It is with great pleasure that I announce the appointment of our new Town Planner, Jeff Morrisette. Jeff comes to us from his previous position as Assistant Planner for the Town of Merrimack New Hampshire. Prior to that he worked for Hancock Associates. In addition to his Planning Board/Board of Appeals experience, Jeff is a Professional Land Surveyor and septic designer, and was a Conservation Commissioner in Uxbridge, MA. Please join me in extending a welcome to Jeff.

Memorial Day is swiftly approaching. Please join us for our events which will be held on Sunday, May 26th. Tributes will be held at Freedom Park at 9:00 AM, Forge Village memorial at 9:15 AM, Graniteville memorial at 9:45 AM, Nabnasset Lake Byrne Ave at 10:45 AM. The Hour of Remembrance will begin at 10:45 AM at the Town Common. The Memorial Day Parade will start at noon at the Roudenbush Community Center with a service held at Town Common.

Sincerely,



Jodi Ross



*Mickey Crocker and Family*



*Representative Jim Arciero and  
Mickey Crocker,  
Unsung Heroine, 2013*



## Westford Memorial Day Ceremonies Schedule

### Saturday, May 25

Veterans Day Mass at St. Catherine's Church, 5:00 PM

### Sunday, May 26

Village Ceremonies:

Freedom Park, Forge Village, 9:00 AM

Forge Village memorial, 9:15 AM

Graniteville memorial, 9:45 AM

Nab/Byrne Ave. Dam, 10:45 AM

Town Common:

Honor Roll reading begins - 10:45 AM

Parade begins at Roudenbush - 12:00/noon

Service on Town Common upon completion of parade



A complete event guide and rain date information can be found in the [Veterans' Service Documents](#) on the Town's website.



*American Legion Color Guard,  
Memorial Day, 2012*



*Westford Firefighter Pipe and Drums,  
Memorial Day, 2012*

## Health Department News

### Domestic Violence Awareness - White Ribbon Day

State Representative James Arciero recently welcomed Westford Stony Brook Middle School students to the State House for the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Massachusetts White Ribbon Day. The White Ribbon campaign was started over 20 years ago in Canada to foster a positive image of masculinity and manliness that is built on respect, dignity and equality in an effort to end violence against women. Joining the students and school staff was Westford Town Engineer Paul Starratt, who is Westford's White Ribbon Day (WRD) Ambassador. After hearing from Governor Deval Patrick, the students and men in



*Pictured from left to right, are Ajay Tupil, Brett Sczylyvian, Ian Logan, Andrew Zhang, Clay Stocker, Paul Starratt, Jim Aciero, Blake Buxton, Alex Mulchay, Michael Baltayan, Matt Dulczewski, and Jack Laushine.*

attendance were asked to take the White Ribbon pledge. The pledge states "From this day forward, I promise to be part of the solution in ending violence against women," and then they date and sign a card with the pledge on it to keep. Also part of the program is a promise to promote respect, dignity and equality; speak out against attitudes and behaviors that contribute to sexual assault and violence; to confront sexism, racism, homophobia and other forms of discrimination; and to help victims and offenders of sexual assault or domestic violence.

For information on domestic violence resources please visit [www.wcnv.org](http://www.wcnv.org)





## Health Department News (continued)

### Tick Reduction Program



Westford Health Department staff along with other area experts recently discussed both chemical and non toxic methods, products, techniques, and resources to help reduce potential exposure to ticks in and around your home & yard.

The information provided in the program “Managing Ticks on your Property through Integrated Tick Management” held on May 29th , will provide residents information on ways to reduce risks of tick-borne illness such as Lyme disease.

Those unable to attend that evening can now view it on cable on Comcast Channel 8 & Verizon Channel 35 and the program will be linked to Westford CAT and the Health department websites [www.westfordma.gov/boh](http://www.westfordma.gov/boh).

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## Land Use Department News

The Town is pleased to welcome Jeffrey Morrisette, who started on May 6th as the new Town Planner. Jeff joins Westford from the Town of Merrimack New Hampshire, where he has been an Assistant Planner since 2009. Prior to Merrimack, he worked for Hancock Associates. In addition to his Planning Board and Board of Appeals experience, Jeff is a Professional Land Surveyor and septic designer, and was a Conservation Commissioner in Uxbridge, MA. He has jumped right into the busy flow of Board packets and staff reports for the Board of Appeals and the Planning Board (attending his first meeting on his first day!).

In addition to the myriad of professional skills Jeff has picked up over the years, he is an experienced “Tavern Trivia” aficionado. The Permitting Department now looks forward to participating in the annual Trivia Contest at the staff Holiday Luncheon!



*Jeffrey Morrisette,  
our new Town Planner*

## Building Department News

President Obama and Governor Patrick have declared that May is Building Safety Month. The International Code Council, Massachusetts State Board of Building Regulations and Standards, the Massachusetts Federation of Building Officials and the Town of Westford Building Department want you to know that:

- Building Codes & Building Permits Are There To Protect You
- Building Officials Are There To Help You
- Play It Smart-Before You Start

# BUILDING SAFETY MONTH



WEEK ONE

**May 6-12**

Fire Safety &  
Awareness

[Ten Tips](#)



WEEK TWO

**May 13-19**

Disaster Safety  
& Mitigation

[Ten Tips](#)



WEEK THREE

**May 20-26**

Backyard &  
Pool Safety

[Ten Tips](#)



WEEK FOUR

**May 27-31**

Energy &  
Green Building

[Ten Tips](#)

Click on the links to the Ten Tips above for more information, or  
contact the Westford Building Department at 978-692-5527

[www.westfordma.goc/building](http://www.westfordma.goc/building)



## Westford Officers Respond to Watertown



*Officer Corey Peladeau  
with K-9 Beny*



*SWAT Vehicle  
(Sergeant Steven Keins inside)*



*Andrew Roy - Nashua PD & 2003 WA grad*



*Sergeant Steven Keins was positioned in 2nd floor  
of house overlooking the boat*



*Police Chief, Tom McEnaney*



*Detective Lieutenant David Connell  
and Detective Dennis Rogers  
positioned on Franklin Street  
in Watertown*



*Detective Justin Agraz and other NEMLEC officers*

## J.V. Fletcher Library News

### YES, WE HAVE AN APP. FOR THAT!

The J. V. Fletcher Library will soon have its own free, mobile app that you can open from your smartphone and/or tablet! Just think, you will be able to visit us wherever you and your phone go together, which in this day and age is usually everywhere!

With the J. V. Fletcher Library app. you can:

- Search the Library's online catalog.
- Log into your Library account.
- Place a hold, renew your items, and see a list of items checked out!!
- Contact us.
- Access Library hours and directions.
- See a list of "Upcoming Events"
- Connect to our Museum Passes.
- Visit our Webpage.
- View pictures from our fabulous programs via our Flickr account.
- "Like" our Facebook page.



This new, exciting service will be available in June; check out the Library's home page for instructions on how to download it.

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## Police Department News

The Westford Police Department has recently begun using driver feedback signs to alert motorists of their speed. The signs are portable and will be deployed in different areas around town to aid in traffic calming.



Studies have shown that radar speed signs are effective in slowing traffic down. The signs are most effective on streets where vehicles were driving more than 10 mph above the posted speed limit.





## Spring Events

### **45th Annual [Apple Blossom Festival and Parade](#)**

May 15-19

Parade Saturday, May 18th, 10:00 AM

From Main St. at Graniteville Road to the Abbot School

For the latest information visit [www.westford.com/kiwanis](http://www.westford.com/kiwanis).

### **Memorial Day Ceremonies**

Sunday, May 26

See page 3 of this newsletter for more information.

### **Cast In Stone : Graniteville History as Revealed Through the North Main Street Retaining Walls**

Thursday, May 30

[Westford Museum](#), 2 Boston Road

7:00 PM

Historic Preservation Consultant William Finch of Finch & Rose will present the results of his research and recommendations for preservation and inclusion of the retaining walls as contributing structures to the Graniteville Historic District. This project was sponsored by the Westford Historical Commission and the Town Manager's office and funded by the Community Preservation Fund as approved at the March 26, 2011 Annual Town Meeting.



*1938 Photo Courtesy of Westford Museum*

### **Electronics Collection**

Saturday, June 22, 2013

Westford Highway Garage, 28 North Street

8:00 AM - 2:00 PM

The Westford Recycling Commission hosts three Electronics Recycling events each year in Westford - Spring, June, and September. Westford utilizes the services of Electronics Recyclers International from Holliston, Massachusetts. This is a fee based collection; CASH ONLY. OPEN TO ALL. The Town of Westford receives no proceeds from this event.

For a fee schedule and more information please [Click Here](#).



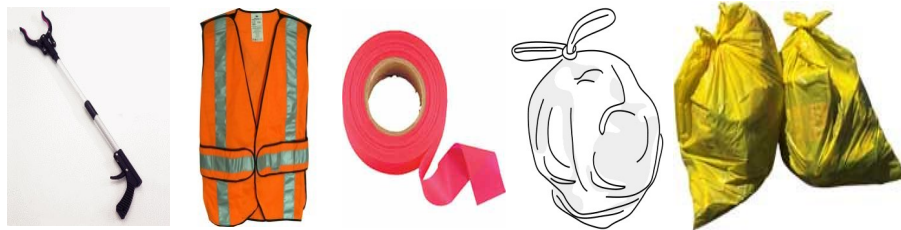
## Recycling Commission News

### Westford's Litter League Green Team Back for Year Three

The Highway Department is providing the Green Team with kits and supplies needed to be successful. These kits contain enough equipment and supplies for eight volunteers, and can be borrowed from the Highway Department.

#### Litter League Kits include:

- Yellow bags for trash, clear bags for recyclables
- Eight safety vests
- Glo-pink flag tape to mark tires and other objects too heavy for volunteers to lift
- Eight metal grabbers for picking up the trash



The Highway Department will collect the full bags and flagged items left at the roadside by the Litter League Teams. So get your neighborhood together, or your child's scout troop or your club members, and pick some dates to borrow the equipment.

To sign up to borrow the kits, or to see what groups have scheduled the kits, go to the Highway Department website at [www.westfordma.gov/highway](http://www.westfordma.gov/highway) and look for the [Litter League Link](#).

Result? A litter free Westford.





## Westford Department of Veterans Services

### American Flags for Veterans graves

Thanks to our local American Legion Post 159 members the flags are up in all of the cemeteries in town.

We do our best to make sure that every veteran's grave is properly marked. Sometimes a flag will be misplaced or unintentionally removed, please let the the Town's Veterans Agent know if a flag is missing, we will try and put one in place prior to Memorial Day.

The flat VA markers are provided by the VA at no cost, call or email us at the Veterans Services department for missing flags or to inquiry on how to get a marker.



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